



THE FOREVER BEETLE

The Forever Beetle. Four haunting eyes perched atop a metallic green head. Six menacing pincers protruding from a gold enamel husk. Of all the extinct insect species on Planet Altor, *The Forever Beetle* is the most coveted. Why? In its womb lies a chemical that, when synthesized, can be used to create a new miracle drug. Only one *Forever Beetle* remains in existence and the two top pharmaceutical companies in Demeter City will do anything - and that includes paying any price - to get their hands on it.

As this story begins, *The Forever Beetle* sits under heavy guard at Dexkor Pharmaceutical. Before this night is over however, it will disappear into the hands of an intruder - a man by the name of Tommy Murphy - Lieutenant Patrick Brogan's childhood pal and lifelong friend - the best man at Brogan's wedding - friends through thick and thin - school, scouts, sports. Who would have thought that Tommy Murphy would have crossed over to a life of crime? Certainly not Brogan, nor his wife, Sally, nor the kids, Matt and Liz, who adore their "Uncle Murph." Had Brogan known, he certainly would never have offered his home to Murphy when his friend came to town.

The day after the theft Brogan receives a surprise visit at the station house from Murphy, asking if might borrow Brogan's hopper to run some errands. As far as Brogan is concerned no favor could be too big for his friend Murph. Moments later, ear-splitting fire alarms pierce the Precinct corridors. Brogan and Haldane run to the docking bay to discover Brogan's Hopper blown to bits, smoldering and destroyed beyond recognition. Realizing Murphy is gone, Brogan can only wail.

Soon after, strange occurrences beset the Brogan home. One afternoon, while his parents are away at work, Matt is shocked to discover two strange intruders inside the house, moving from room to room, destroying everything in their path. Clearly they are looking for something. As they head for Matt's room the youth scurries under the bed. Petrified, he watches as they rip his room to shreds. Fortunately Matt is able give his dad a pretty good description of the thugs. Brogan heads after them, nabbing them on a downtown street. Brogan's out for blood, but backs off when he begins to get answers he didn't expect - that his best friend Tommy Murphy had stolen *The Forever Beetle* from the pharmaceutical company with the intention of selling it to the highest bidder - that Murphy had hidden the *Beetle* somewhere in Brogan's home - that Murphy had faked his own death to throw the police off track - and that though the thugs had been hired by a competing pharmaceutical company to find the *Beetle*, they were unable to locate it anywhere in Brogan's home.

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Police officers head to Brogan's home where they thoroughly dust for Murphy's fingerprints - finding most of them in Matt's bedroom - all over his closet door! Brogan is quick to deduce that Murphy hid the bug in Matt's closet - and that he most certainly will come back to retrieve it. Indeed Murphy does return - in a frenzied rage - tearing Matt's closet apart while Matt sits in his desk chair, frozen by the sight of his "Uncle Murph" destroying his room. When Matt's closet turns up empty, Murphy turns frantic - going over the edge - threatening to kill Matt if he doesn't tell him where the *Beetle* is.

Brogan bursts in - and not a moment too soon - for a final showdown with the man he once called "friend" - and the ultimate revelation concerning the whereabouts of *The Forever Beetle*.

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LOG LINE

Lieutenant Patrick Brogan (Ted Shackelford) goes after an unknown thief who has stolen a rare and priceless scarab. Things go from bad to worse when the thief turns out to be Brogan's lifelong friend, and the missing insect winds up lost somewhere inside Brogan's home!

CAST

Lieutenant Patrick Brogan
Officer Jack Haldane
Officer Jane Castle
Sally Brogan
Matt
Liz
Podly
Romek
Orrin
Took
Fredo
Lionel

Ted Shackelford
Rob Youngblood
Simone Bendix
Nancy Paul
Nic Klein
Megan Olive
Jerome Willis
Lou Hirsch
Richard James
Mary Woodvine
David Quilter
Tony Haygarth

EPISODAL CAST

Amory Wolf
Drover Pike & Rupp
Tommy Murphy
Dr. Long
Bartender
Thunder Cole
Nardo
Sena M
Stunts

Constatine Gregory
Rob Thirtle
Sam Douglas
Andy Dawson
Alexa Rosewood
Glen McCrory
Wayne Forrester
Kiran Shah
Glenn Marks

CREDITS

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Producer
Associate Producer
Co-Executive Producers

Director
Screenplay
Director of Photography
Music
Worldwide Distribution

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